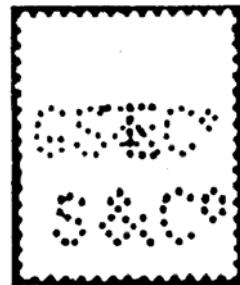


A number of interesting perfins have recently been reported to the Catalogue Editor, one of which shows a combination strike from two different dies. Two stamps, both Queen Victoria 2½d (SG157 - plate 22), were reported with the same combination. [See also Bulletin No.283]



The two perfins involved are GS&C° (G4570.02) and E/S&C° (E4270.01). Both stamps have legible postmarks - one shows (Ma)rk Lane, 9/10/1883, and the other has London EC, 13/10/1883. These two stamps are likely to have come from the same sheet as they have the lower corner letters GK and GJ.

The user of E/S&C° is recorded as Edmond Schluter & Co, 24 Mark Lane, London EC. As their die continued to be used until at least 1900, it is likely that E/S&C° was applied to stamps already perfinned GS&C°. Does anyone know what connection Schluter & Company had with 'GS&C°' in October 1883?